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SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

At Salisbury State University, our goals for our students and alumni continue to grow. We recently completed a strategic plan for SSU that focuses on the following:

1. maintain a vibrant, intellectually engaged, educationally purposeful **community of learning**
2. provide a **student-centered campus** that holds all aspects of the student experience as paramount
3. continue to be **active partners** in responding to the educational, economic, cultural and social needs of the region

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Following is the first in a series of interviews designed to offer different perspectives on the University's newly announced Capital Campaign. Here Deborah S. Abbott, vice president of Peninsula Bank and incoming chair of the SSU Foundation board of directors, shares her thoughts.

Why is SSU conducting the Capital Campaign?

Our students are intelligent, eager to learn and excited about their futures—and they should be. They have a lot to look forward to. They come to SSU wanting to work hard and to learn a lot, and they deserve all the support we can give them. This campaign will generate the revenue to fund student support.

How will this campaign benefit the community?

Since the University is an integral part of the community, the entire community and perhaps the entire state benefits from its presence. Salisbury State enhances the quality of life of our community with the symphony, galleries, library, theatre programs, dance company, public radio station and the research center. The women's studies program, the computer services area—there are so many wonderful enrichments for life on the Eastern Shore.

SSU has a strong outreach program. The professors are involved; the students through internships are very involved in the community. When the business community becomes involved in Salisbury State University, it's really a win-win situation. Salisbury State helps us when our employees go back for additional training in computer technology, accounting or perhaps in some other basic area.

I'm confident the community investment in this campaign is an investment that will pay broad dividends.

Why should SSU's civic engagement matter to the community?

The University not only entertains and inspires us, but it helps us grow. It also greatly assists in attracting people and businesses to move to our region.

Why do you stay involved with campus activities and the SSU Foundation?

I feel somewhat flattered when someone thinks I can be of help. I stay involved because I've gotten so much from Salisbury State that I feel I need to give something back to the institution. And my life has been so enriched by the opportunity to meet some of the people attracted to this campus—people who run Fortune 500 companies, mid-sized and small businesses. All these people are helpful to know, and I learn from them.

It's also very important to be exposed to the bright students. It gives me an opportunity to see what we should be looking for when we're looking for people to join our company. Sometimes they actually teach us, especially in the area of technology.

Is our goal attainable?

Judging by the support that has already been shown, I believe the goal is very realistic. For nearly 75 years, there have been scholars, students and friends who have dedicated themselves to SSU's success. The student population grew remarkably during Dr. Norman Crawford's presidency. Dr. Thom Bellavance inspired some of the most prominent leaders of the community to invest in the University, so that today all four schools are privately endowed. When large gifts are made, it's very energizing for the rest of us. I think it adds to the credibility of the institution and really validates what we're trying to do. Many others are joining the effort weekly in our quest to make SSU even better. No doubt we will reach our goal, and possibly surpass it!

New Alumni Advisory Group Convenes

President William C. Merwin welcomes members of the new Board of Visitors to SSU in May (from left): Merwin; Lionel Layton '79, of Columbia, MD; Rebecca Taylor-White '94, of Salisbury; Bob Spedden '56, of Cambridge, MD; John Rawlins '74, of Prospect, KY; and Sal Gentile '80, of Leesburg, VA.

SSU has a new board of visitors, an advisory group comprised of 35 successful alumni from up and down the East Coast. The group will meet twice annually with President Merwin and his Cabinet to hear about and advise the administration on diverse University issues.

Merwin believes that through the input of those with a knowledge of our programs, he can more effectively guide programs and policies at the University. Board members can tell him how SSU is perceived by external audiences, how we can meet the needs of future students, and how the University can better serve the educational, cultural and business needs of our region.

The board of visitors, which represents all four schools and spans the 1950s-90s, first met during the weekend of May 15-16. Many of these distinguished alumni were returning to campus for the first time in several years, and had many questions about the students and the tremendous growth and changes at the University.

During the first meeting, the advisors enjoyed Friday night cocktails at the Alumni House and dinner in the Commons. Saturday, President Merwin discussed the "State of the University," using a multimedia presentation to illustrate the University's Strategic Plan, Facilities Master Plan and Capital Campaign. Dr. Carol Williamson, vice president of student affairs, outlined ways we are striving to keep our campus student-centered. Alumni Relations initiatives and outreach programs were also discussed. Additional activities included a visit to the expanded Book Rack and campus tours.

The next board of visitors meeting is planned for the second weekend in October.

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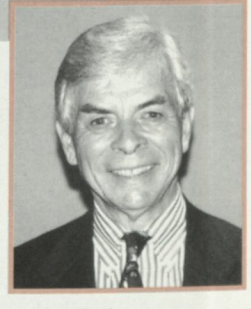
4. build a **caring community** where each individual feels affirmed and respected and
5. **strengthen the University**'s human, learning, physical and fiscal resources.

These goals have been a part of SSU since its founding in 1925 as Salisbury Normal School. The fifth goal is critical to our future as a leading comprehensive university.

One of the reasons SSU is launching "Campaign 2002: Our Promise of Excellence" is that state support of SSU has dropped dramatically from 60 percent of the University's budget just 10 years ago to a current level of 30 percent. Our $13 million goal will support student scholarships, faculty development, technological advancements and a myriad of programs—from cultural events to athletics, from partnerships with business to historic research—that benefit not only the University community, but our neighbors throughout the region.

The campaign has been in the "silent" phase for a couple of years, with about $9 million already received. All gifts received during that phase, and any gift, regardless of size, which is received until the year 2002, will be included in the campaign total.

Active Alumni



E. Niel Carey '56 has been elected chair of the board of directors of SSU's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture. The Ellicott City, MD, resident is a past president of the SSU Alumni Association, has served on the SSU Foundation and chaired the Research Center board's Strategic Planning Committee.

Also taking a leadership role with the Research Center is **Dr. James Henderson '59**, who joins Joan Baraloto and Thomas Fooks as new directors on the board.

Students Put 'WIN' On-line

Through the Work Information Network (WIN), housed in Career Services since 1991, students and alumni can contact SSU alumni for advice about careers and/or assistance with a job search. More than 600 alumni volunteers stand ready to give first-hand information based on their professional experience.

Students (from left) Tracy Geller, Joe Roszkowsky and Jessica Christovich have improved WIN to the benefit of alumni like Kevin Kohler '96 (right).

To maximize use of this tremendous resource, Career Counselor Liz Bellavance guided a team of student interns from Professor Jeff Kottemann's Information Systems Management class to computerize the WIN database. The seniors worked throughout the spring semester to provide a user-friendly network that will facilitate the student/alumni match.

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While the new version of the WIN network is currently an in-house SSU career tool, it will hopefully become available on the Web in the near future, accommodating alumni who seek information and opportunities to network.

WIN volunteers, as well as alumni seeking to initiate or change their participation, may contact Career Services via the following Web site: **univctr.ssu.edu/~career/**. This site provides extensive career exploration and job search resources, as well as numerous links to a variety of sites that address employment, job fairs and other career supports.

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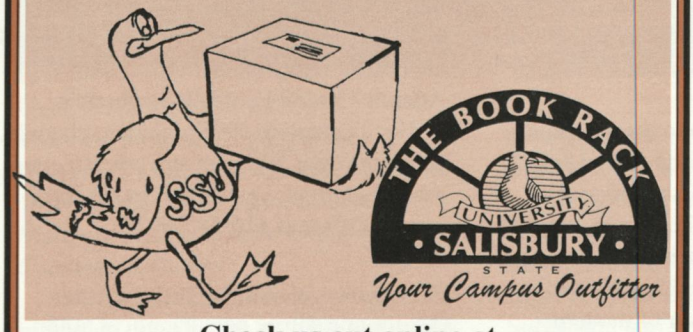

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NCUR 98

A Coup for SSU: NCUR 98 Proves a Huge Success

NCUR 98 (the National Conference on Undergraduate Research), held on campus April 23-25, was the single biggest academic event in the history of Salisbury State. More than two years in the planning, it was, according to organizers, also the most successful in NCUR history.

Some 2,000 students and faculty advisors from over 250 universities in 43 states descended on campus for three days of student presentations and performances in the arts, sciences and humanities. The event garnered coverage by *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, *Wilmington News Journal*, Maryland Public Television and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The NCUR board of governors and other longtime participants praised SSU's organization, hospitality, campus beauty, choice of guest speakers and social events, including a beach party on Red Square complete with steel drum band, surfboards and a 60-ton sand sculpture.

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Maryland Leader Gives Commencement Address

Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening participated in SSU's spring graduation ceremonies, offering motivational words to 1,038 degree recipients. He praised the University for its growing national reputation, adding, "Salisbury State has contributed immeasurably through the years to the lower Eastern Shore's culture, economy and quality of life, and is admired throughout the state for its ongoing legacy of community leadership. In short, SSU embodies the very best ideals of both higher education and public service."

Three Times the Summer Fun

SSU has revamped its summer course schedule for the convenience of students. Three separate sessions enable undergraduate and graduate students to start and finish summer classes sooner. A four-day week has been designed to accommodate work and travel plans.

Undergraduates may now earn up to 15 credits in the summer, improving grades or accelerating their program of study. Sessions are additionally open to area high school students with permission from their principals; to recent high school graduates who, with approval from the college they will attend, want a head start on higher education; and to college students from other institutions who are spending the summer in the Salisbury area.

Put to the Test

All 18 senior respiratory therapy students in the Department of Health Sciences who attempted the National Board for Respiratory Care's March 1998 Certification Examination passed. The national pass rate for all respiratory therapy programs is 75 percent.

In the most recent results for the medical technology program, 100 percent of the Class of 1997 passed the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Registry Examination. An average of 47 percent of all programs at a national level were able to achieve such a pass rate, and only 72 percent of candidates nationwide passed the exam.

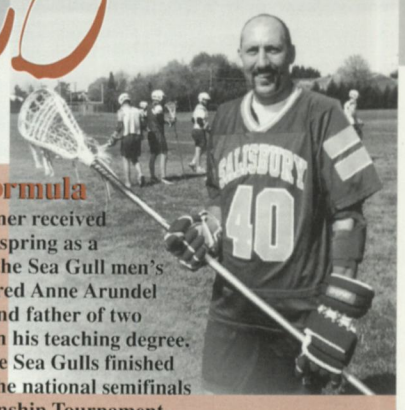
Hall of Fame

Salisbury State adds four members to its Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, October 16, as part of the Homecoming '98 festivities. The newest inductees are field hockey all-American **Robin Adair '88**, football record-setter **Mike Coppa '88**, retired baseball coach **Deane Deshon** and former University President **Norman Crawford**.

Arrivederci

June saw the bittersweet parting of beloved **Provost Phil Creighton**, who has assumed the presidency of East Oregon University. Creighton came to SSU in 1990 as dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology. He served in that post until December 1995, when he became interim provost. One year later he was named provost and vice president of academic affairs. We hate to see him go, but wish him and his family only the best.

A fond farewell also to these campus community members, who retired July 1: **Eugene Farace**, associate professor of geography and regional planning, after 42 years; **Mary Gene Jenkins**, human resources director, after 25 years; **Dr. John Knowles**, professor of modern languages, after 27 years; **James Thrash**, Blackwell Library director, after 29 years.



Age-Defying Formula

Defenseman Tony Werner received national headlines this spring as a 40-year-old starter on the Sea Gull men's lacrosse team. The retired Anne Arundel County police officer and father of two returned to SSU to earn his teaching degree. With Werner's help, the Sea Gulls finished 14-2 and advanced to the national semifinals of the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Movin' on Up

Dr. Thomas W. Jones, who joined the SSU faculty in 1977, has been named the new dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology. He'll be reporting to **Dr. Donald Cathcart**, professor of mathematics, who has been appointed interim provost while a national search is conducted for Dr. Phillip Creighton's replacement.

A League of Their Own

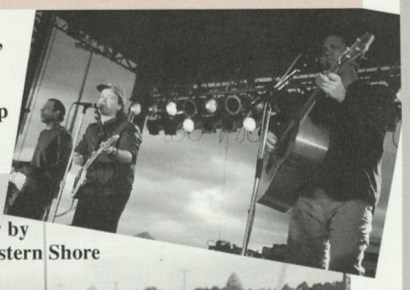
After competing for 26 seasons as an independent, the football team begins play in a new conference this fall. The Gulls, who open the season at home September 5, are charter members in the six-team Atlantic Central Football Conference.

For a complete 1998 athletics schedule, check the SSU Web site at www.ssu.edu/athletics.htm or contact the Sports Information Office at 410-543-6016.

For a schedule of 1998-99 art exhibits, theatre and music performances, and other campus activities, please contact the Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

Capital Campaign Off to Strong Start

"Campaign 2002: Our Promise of Excellence" kicked off Friday, June 12, with an elegant dinner party at the Commons. Among SSU's supporters in attendance were (from left) Linda Nabb, Edward H. Nabb, Charles Fulton, Martha Fulton, Richard Henson, Dr. Debbie Merwin and President William C. Merwin. Highlighting the program was the announcement of two major gifts: $1 million toward new equipment for the Henson School, donated by Richard Henson, and a $500,000 endowment of the Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, compliments of Cambridge attorney Edward Nabb. Although the last campus in the University System of Maryland to launch the public phase of its capital campaign, SSU was as of June 12 the furthest along in achieving its goals—so far $9 million of a targeted $13 million raised.



Gullapalooza 1998 was "one, one, one for the record books," with an estimated gathering of 4,500 on the intramural fields to see a seven-band lineup featuring the Violent Femmes ("Blister in the Sun," "American Music"). The Student Organization for Activity Planning (SOAP) brought the Femmes to Gullapalooza, which is sponsored annually by WSUR. The event raised $5,000 for the Eastern Shore AIDS Foundation.

Homecoming/Reunion 1998 Celebrates 'Traditions With a Twist'

The weekend of October 16-18 has been set for the 1998 Homecoming/Reunion. "Traditions With a Twist" is the theme for this year's activities—reviving some traditions of yesteryear and establishing new ones.

All alumni are always welcome to attend Homecoming events. Those alumni whose class year ends in "8" or "3" will be recognized this year. Committees from the classes of '88, '73, '58 and '48 are planning special social activities for their classmates (the Class of '78 spent a reunion weekend on campus in June).

Below is a brief outline of the weekend activities. You'll receive a brochure with more details and a reservation form later this summer.

Friday, October 16

7:30 p.m.	Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
8:30 p.m.	Bonfire

Saturday, October 17

9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Alumni House
9:30 a.m.	Alumni Association Annual Meeting - Alumni House
11:30 a.m.	Lunch - Commons (classes ending in "8" or "3" will be honored)
1 p.m.	SSU Football vs. College of New Jersey Block Party
4 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Honoring 50th Year Class - Holloway Hall Social Room Class of 1988 Social Hour - Salisbury Room, Powell Center Gull Hour (open to all alumni) - Crossroads Club
5 p.m.	Class of 1988 Barbecue - Salisbury Room, Powell Center
6 p.m.	Class of 1958 Social Hour - Alumni House Class of 1973 Social Hour - Gull's Nest
7 p.m.	Class of 1958 Dinner - Alumni House
8 p.m.	Variety Show - Holloway Hall Auditorium
10:30 p.m.	Homecoming Dance

Sunday, October 18

11 a.m.	Brunch on the Hill - Commons Class of 1973 Brunch - Commons
Noon	Campus Elementary School Reunion - Holloway Hall Lawn & Great Hall
2 p.m.	Variety Show - Holloway Hall Auditorium

Get With the Programs

Two new programs highlight the University's offerings this fall: a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a Master of Arts in history with a specialty in Chesapeake studies.

The electrical engineering program is offered in cooperation with the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Lower division courses are taught live at SSU and UMES, while junior and senior level lectures are delivered from UMCP to SSU/UMES via interactive approach or taught live at SSU/UMES. Lab experiences are provided on the Eastern Shore. Successful participants earn a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering from UMCP's Clark School of Engineering.

Social Work Salutes a Quarter Century

A 25-year reunion of all SSU social work alumni and faculty is planned for Homecoming/ReunionWeekend. Please make sure your address is current with the Alumni Office so you can be notified of details. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee can call Dr. Patti Plaskon at 410-822-8329 or Gigi Suntum at 410-543-2447.

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Class Notes

'60

Joanne Elizabeth Little directed the New Community Singers Show at Bennett High School auditorium on April 24-25. She is the organist/director at Manokin Presbyterian Church in Princess Anne, MD.

'62

Billye Parks Sarbanes was honored at SSU's winter commencement with the Alumni Appreciation Award, the association's highest honor.

'65

Beverly Bryan Blades, a real estate agent with Callaway, Farnell and Moore, a real estate company in Seaford, DE, was named 1997 top listing and sales producer.

'70

Carolyn Mary Kopchik earned her master's in education at Northern Illinois University in 1990 and currently teaches special education at Cook County Middle School in Grand Marais, MN.

'72

Dorothy Ann Yeatman was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi international honor society at SSU. The society recognizes outstanding achievement in education, in prospective and active teachers.

'73

Barrie Parsons Tilghman, a long-time community activist in Salisbury, overcame a 93-vote deficit in the March primary election to win the May general election by 418 votes, making her the first female mayor of Salisbury.

'74

David Spencer Byrd was named *The Daily Times* 1998 (male) Mason-Dixon Coach of the Year. He is the boys basketball coach at Pocomoke (MD) High School.

Give Us Your Best Shot!

What kind of exciting things are you doing this summer? Traveling overseas? Visiting an amusement park? Building a deck? Well send us a photo! Alumni from the classes of '48, '58, '73, '78 and '88 especially are asked to submit a glimpse of your life and we may print it in an alumni publication. Or, we may post your memories for Reunion Weekend. (Please note that photos cannot be returned, nor can we guarantee they will be used.)

20-Year Reunion: Eighty members of the Class of 1978, joined by spouses, children and friends from the classes of '77 and '79, enjoyed a weekend of activities on campus June 12-14 in celebration of their 20th reunion. President and Debbie Merwin, as well as former President Norman C. Crawford, were present at Saturday night's mixer in the Gull's Nest.

Patricia Gest Street has been elected to the position of president-elect of the Eastern Business Education Association.

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert J. Wesley, 68, founder of the Communication Arts Department and a member of the SSU faculty for 30 years, died March 6. He was a popular reader and actor with University theatre. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and three daughters, Brooke, Robyn and Kimberly, all SSU alumnae.

Jim Burgess, associate professor of art, died June 30 at the age of 59. He came to the University in 1972 and retired in 1997. Burgess was active in numerous arts organizations.

'75

Howard Murrell Phoebus is forecasting for Bell Atlantic Weather Service. His daughter, Stephanie, made all county honors chorus and was one of six students with a perfect score. His wife, **Lois ('76)**, recently took a trip to Africa.

Ronald Lee Laws, executive vice president of The Bank of Fruitland, recently attended the annual Cooperative Users of Banctec Systems conference in Louisville, KY.

'77

Constantina DeShields Hodnett now has two of her poems, from her book of poems, officially published in song. They are on the collective album titled *USA Star Route*, by Rita Merriweather.

Barbara Powell Croom was recently advanced to senior certified parts specialist at Johnson Lexus of Raleigh, NC.

'79

Patricia Leonard Hammer was appointed assistant vice president of The Bank of Fruitland.

Edward Leon Rowe left the American Stock Exchange as director of telecommunications after seven years to take the position of director of communications with HQ Business Centers in New York, NY.

'80

Faye Collins Sandsbury completed her D.Ed. in adult education at Penn State University in August 1996. She is currently the district director at Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service in N.W. Indiana.

'81

Gregory Cooling Muir was promoted to the rank of commander in the United States Navy.

Jay Robert Waddell was named as sales manager of Maranatha Inc, a non-profit communications ministry.

John William Welch was designated a certified jail manager by the Jail Manager Certification Commission. He has been director of the Wicomico County (MD) Department of Corrections since 1981.

'82

Cheryl Homer Graham is living in Germantown, MD, and continues to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in coastal zone management. As an evaluator of coastal programs she has had the opportunity recently to visit New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Alaska and the state of Washington.

Donna Cunningham Stubbs was appointed family nurse practitioner at Shore Gynecology Services in Easton, MD.

'83

Maura Garvey Kohlhafer is married with two children and residingin Severna Park, MD. She is employed by the Prince George's County Health Department as the chief for the program of plan review/institutions.

'84

Philip Richard Anderson is now employed by the American Cancer Society, Alexandria, VA, for Training and Development as a strategist.

Peter Louis Buzy recently accepted the position as chief financial officer at Martek Biosciences Corporation, a public biotech company in Columbia, MD. He was previously an audit partner in the northern Virginia office of Ernst & Young's High Technology & Life Science Practice.

Roy James Lewis was promoted to vice president and MIS manager, at The Bank of Delmar (DE).

Glenda Todd McCarter was appointed family nurse practitioner at Shore Gynecology Services, Easton, MD.

Michael Joseph Noehl was promoted April 1 from a captain assigned to U.S. Army Space Command, Colorado Springs, CO, to major and reassigned to Ft. Monroe, VA, where he now works in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in the Joint Test and Evaluation Center.

'85

Leslie Lockett Anderson is working part-time at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, MD.

Dr. Sandra Wallace Davis was named Maryland's Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She works as a Title One family involvement/staff development teacher in Wicomico County, and is an adjunct faculty member at Sojourner-Douglas College. She lives with her husband, Charles, and two-year-old daughter, Sarah, in Salisbury.

Elizabeth Rose Murphy joined the staff of W.R. McCain and Associates, residential real estate appraisers in Salisbury, MD. She is a senior staff appraiser.

Jann Hunsicker Perry works as a substitute teacher. She has two daughters, both of whom are straight "A" students. Her husband, Rodney, is an E-6 in the U.S. Army.

Thomas Joseph Talbott is a multiple award-winning writer, producer and director. He recently wrote, produced and directed the comedy feature *Eat Me!*, which premiered at the Johns Hopkins University Film Festival.

William Ronald Wainwright was named Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year.

'86

Robb Willis Disbennett took over as head coach of the Salisbury State University baseball team for the 1998 season.

Janet Holden Lynch works for and runs a software consulting and training firm with her husband, Conrad. They adopted the world's best golden retriever, Kona, two years ago.

Alumni House Replica for Sale

Wooden miniature of the SSU Alumni House
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Specially for Seniors

Area alumni age 60 and over attended a June 5 conference, "Specially for Seniors," co-sponsored by the SSU Alumni Association and Peninsula Regional Medical Center. Thomas W. Cullinan, executive director of gift planning for the University System of Maryland, gave the keynote address on "Estate Planning for the 21st Century." The conference provided solutions for personal and health care concerns.

Robert George Pohlmann III was elected information services officer of Wachovia Operational Services Corporation in Winston-Salem, NC. He is a senior telecom planner in the Information Services Group.

Larry Louis Truslow Jr. was recently re-elected vice president of the Republican Club of Cecil County (MD), and is serving his first term as Cecil County commissioner. He is also a math teacher at North East High School.

'87

Richard Davis Horsey received his master's in physical therapy and is now working at Chesapeake Rehabilitation Hospital in Salisbury.

'88

Cathy Dolbey Attig is a CPA in the personal financial planning practice of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Burlington, VT.

Gary P. Desjardins is the vice president of First National Bank of Maryland. He lives in Salisbury with wife Tracy, daughter Emily, and son Jackson.

Kathleen Kurta Palyo recently completed a post-master's certificate program as a family nurse practitioner and joined the practice of Dr. Roger Gingerich at the Hamilton (IN) Family Medical Center.

Michael Alan Parks is serving as social studies chairperson and coaching football at Cambridge-South Dorchester (MD) High School. He and his wife, Shawn, live in Denton, MD, with their two daughters, Morgan and Madison.

'89

Jeane Slobinsky Hayman is living in South Korea with her husband, Jeff, who is in the Army. They return to the sweet USA in June 1999, but for now are marveling in the vast differences in our cultures.

Robyn Lynn Love received her master's degree in guidance and counseling and is currently working as an elementary school counselor in Charles County, Maryland.

Thomas Edward Musselman married in 1993 and now has two children. He is a respiratory therapist at Johns Hopkins Pediatric ICU and is waiting to get into physical therapy school.

Ruth Fish Tencati received her master's in education with a concentration in early childhood and infancy special education from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Dr. John Clark Wood recently announced the opening of his practice at Oechsli/Wood Chiropractic Center, Salisbury.

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'90

Kevin Peter Bowes is an alumnus of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Gulls swim team. While at SSU he had an excellent tutor in Managerial Economy, Management Science, Market Research and Business Statistics for whom he will always be grateful. :) Hi C!

Becky Decker Geesaman is Snow Hill (MD) Middle School's Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching in Worcester County for seven years and currently teaches fifth grade.

Christopher Charles and **Sherri Seborg Hall** have an 18-month-old son, Connor, and are expecting a second child in September. Chris is director of strategic planning for Adventist Healthcare.

James John Krall teaches biology and physical science at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD.

John Christopher McGee was working on his master's degree in physical therapy at UMES and expected to graduate in May 1998. He will be commissioned as an officer in the Air Force. John and his wife, **Traci Laurel McGee '92,** will be living at Andrews Air Force Base.

Gregory Joseph Olinde, assistant vice president of The Bank of Fruitland, recently attended the 26th annual Robert Morris Associates East Carolina University Commercial Lending School held on the campus of East Carolina University.

John Stanton Palmer is the owner of AquaNut Water Treatment in Ocean City, MD.

Scott Anderson Savage was appointed assistant vice president and business development and commercial lending officer for Worcester County, Maryland, at Atlantic Bank.

Deborah Dutton Sharp graduated with a Master of Instruction from the University of Delaware in Newark. She works full time as a fourth grade teacher at H.O. Brittingham Elementary in the Cape Henlopen school district, where she has been employed since September 1990.

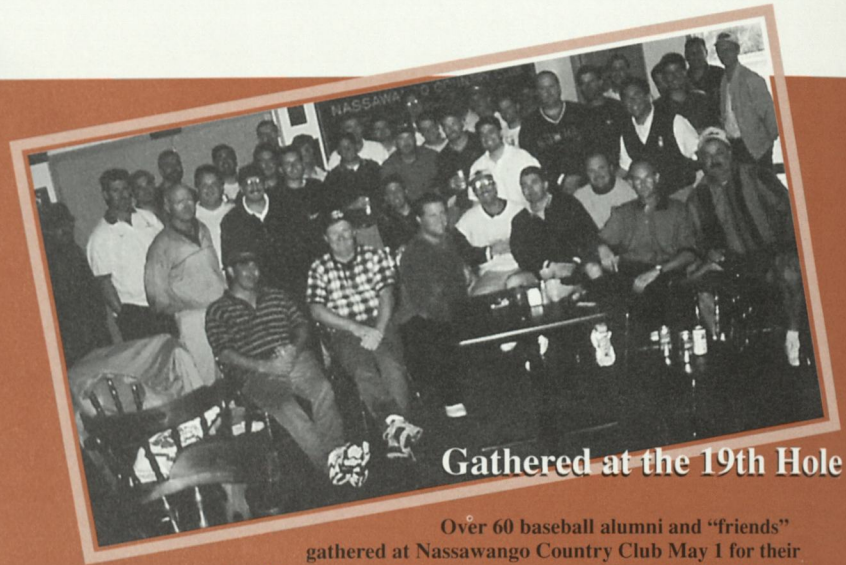
'91

T. Patricia (Patty) Baassiri utilizes her B.A. in sociology to train community members in collaborative and cooperative conflict resolution. She also co-mediates disputes at the Center for Conflict Resolution, where she started out as the office manager in 1994. She is working on her master's in education at SSU.

Bruce Allan Beardsley is the company commander with the Maryland Army National Guard 29th Div. 2/115th Infantry C. Co. His wife, **Lori ('92)**, is at home with their two children.

David Michael Bowen has been happily married to **Jennifer Giannantonio Bowen** for three years and was recently promoted to staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Jenny Renee Huff has joined Fidelity Mortgage Decisions as an account executive.



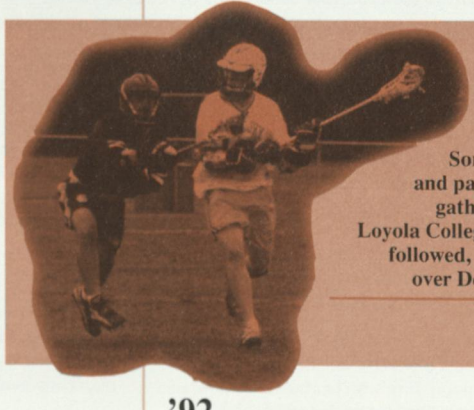
Gathered at the 19th Hole

Over 60 baseball alumni and "friends" gathered at Nassawango Country Club May 1 for their annual golf tournament. The event, organized by Pat Lamboni '78 and Bobby Vermillion '82, was held in conjunction with SSU's Deane Deshon Baseball Tournament and featured under-par scoring and over-par story telling.

David George McCulloh has a three-year-old daughter, Kaitlynn, and a one-year-old son, Jake.

Tracy Adams Palmer is working as an RN and pursuing her Master of Education from SSU.

Karl Grant Savering is now residing in Charleston, SC, and attending graduate school at the Citadel.



Lacrosse at Loyola

Some 50 Baltimore-area alumni and parents of SSU lacrosse players gathered May 2 for a luncheon at Loyola College. An intense lacrosse match followed, with the Sea Gulls prevailing over Denison, OH, 10-9 in overtime.

'92

Edward Berry is the coach of the No. 1 ranked high school lacrosse team in California.

Tracy Ebelein Bradshaw is working toward her Master of Science at Wilmington (DE) College.

Larry Travis Gilmore is supervisor of respiratory care at Healthsouth, Chesapeake Rehabilitation Hospital.

James Peter Ireton Jr. was the first candidate to seek a District 2 seat on the Salisbury City Council. He won the general election, beating his opponent by 243 votes.

David Alain Kennedy is working in the restaurant business. He received his master's degree at a naval base in Puerto Rico. His internship was done at the elementary school on the base. He has been surfing Puerto Rico since he graduated in December 1992 and wishes peace to all who receive this.

Chantel Lowe Mohr is teaching biology at Indian River High School in Frankford, DE.

Karla Mitchell Morgan has a new job as the public affairs manager for Time Warner Communications in Maitland, FL.

Laura Ann Parker joined the firm of A.J. Starkey CPA, in Salisbury, as a staff accountant and computer software consultant.

'93

Ann Tirocchi Byrd is busy obtaining her master's degree and planning her 10-year high school reunion.

Stacy Ball Cottingham is working in the cardiac cath lab at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD.

Marvin Ellis El is working for the NASDAQ stock market and resides in Germantown, MD, with his wife, **Sandra Harrison El**, who is preparing to open a licensed child care business.

Michelle Paolone Eline is a caseworker for the state of Florida. She works with mentally handicapped adults and children. Her husband, **Scott,** is a probation officer also with the state of Florida.

Amanda Leigh Jenkins received her Ph.D. in chemistry and has accepted a full-time position with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory beginning in September of 1998.

Stephanie Lee Melis moved to Chicago, IL, where she lives and works in the downtown area as a graphic designer for the International Engineering Consortium. Prior to her move to the windy city, she worked for Aspen Systems Corp in Rockville, MD. During her three-year tenure, she rose from the rank of a graphic artist to a designer.

William Edward Pelot III is working as a respiratory therapist at The National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Richard Glenn Shalayda was recently promoted to the position of speedstock buyer at Baker & Taylor Books in Somerville, NJ, and is currently residing in Lambertville, NJ.

Amy Annette VandePutte purchased her first home last year and has taken another position with Green Spring Health Services. She is looking forward to attending Homecoming '98 with **Lisa Brockway Middleton** for their five-year reunion.

Anna Josefina Winkelman is employed at Pace Inc., an international manufacturing firm, as a human resources generalist. Pace is located in Laurel, MD.

'94

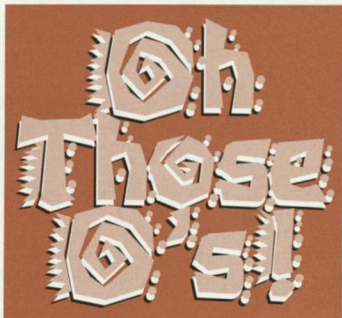
Georgia Chipouras is pursuing her licensure as a therapist to continue her work with troubled youths.

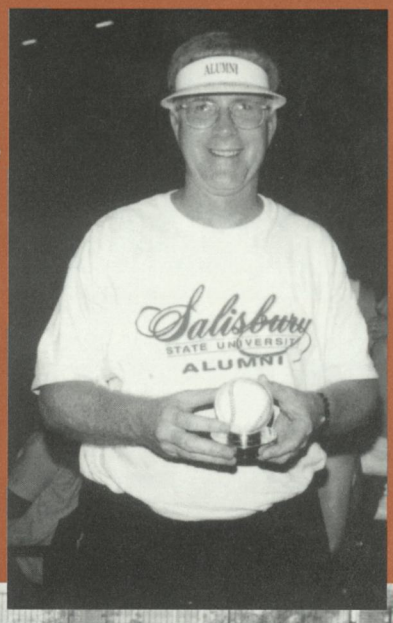
Ensign **Michael Erik Curley** recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

Theresa Lee Kinhart is now employed by HealthSouth Chesapeake Rehabilitation Hospital with the Therapy Department. Her duties include developing and implementing therapeutic treatments that allow the patient to achieve maximum functional independence.

Kimberly Gleason Pelot is teaching elementary physical education and coaching field hockey and lacrosse in Howard County Public Schools. Last school year she taught adapted physical education and aquatics at the Maryland School for the Blind.

Christopher Anthony Schipske has passed the CPA exam and is working as an accountant for Johnson & Lambert Company in Bethesda, MD.





Pat Donahue '74, immediate past president of the SSU Alumni Association, accepted the "Heavy Hitter" award on behalf of the 250-plus alumni and family members in attendance as the Baltimore Birds beat the Toronto Blue Jays 11-3.

Several members of the SAE fraternity enjoyed a picnic supper at Camden Yards prior to the June 20 Orioles game.

Rebecca Leigh Taylor-White was the first candidate to file for a seat on the Wicomico County (MD) Council for the 1998 election.

Black Alumni Weekend 1998 was held March 13-14, featuring a Friday evening reception at the Alumni House and a full Saturday evening program. The Alumni Banquet and Fashion Show celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Black Student Union and its past presidents. Retired Professor of Sociology A.K. Talbot (pictured at center) received special recognition for his devotion to students, faculty and staff.

Kathleen Ann Tiernan plans to practice physical therapy on the Eastern Shore of Maryland once she receives her master's degree in physical therapy from Shenandoah University. She hopes all is going well with SSU faculty, staff and students.

Carl Edward and **Kelly Nelson Tyree** have relocated to northern New Jersey due to Carl's promotion to account manager for all of northern New Jersey with Republic Mortgage Insurance Company.

Christina Lynn Ward was promoted in March to the position of payroll administrator for Barrett Business Services, a local human resource company, where she has worked since September 1997. She lives in Salisbury with fiancé Sam Parker, and still regularly sees **Heather Campbell '92, Stephanie Ward '92, Laurie Waters '93** and **John Cestone '92.**

'95

Wendy Brown joined the Division of Rehabilitation Services staff in Salisbury as a vocational rehabilitation specialist. She is responsible for coordinating and delivering vocational rehabilitation services to clients in Wicomico County.

Bernadette Alesia DiPino is the first woman to hold the rank of sergeant in the Ocean City Police Department. She was recently promoted to day watch patrol division lieutenant.

Erica JaVon Dixon is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She is currently a placement services coordinator for Martin Pollak Project in Baltimore.

Amy Theresa Fenzel was named *The Daily Times* 1998 (female) Mason-Dixon Coach of the Year. She is the girls basketball coach at James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury.

Virginia Marie Frank-Ball is married, owns a home in Edgemere, MD, and plans to continue her education.

Jennifer Leigh Gaab earned her master's in public health from the University of South Carolina in May 1997 with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Phillip Edwin Lana received his M.S. in geoscience from Mississippi State University and is working as a meteorologist for the National Weather Network.

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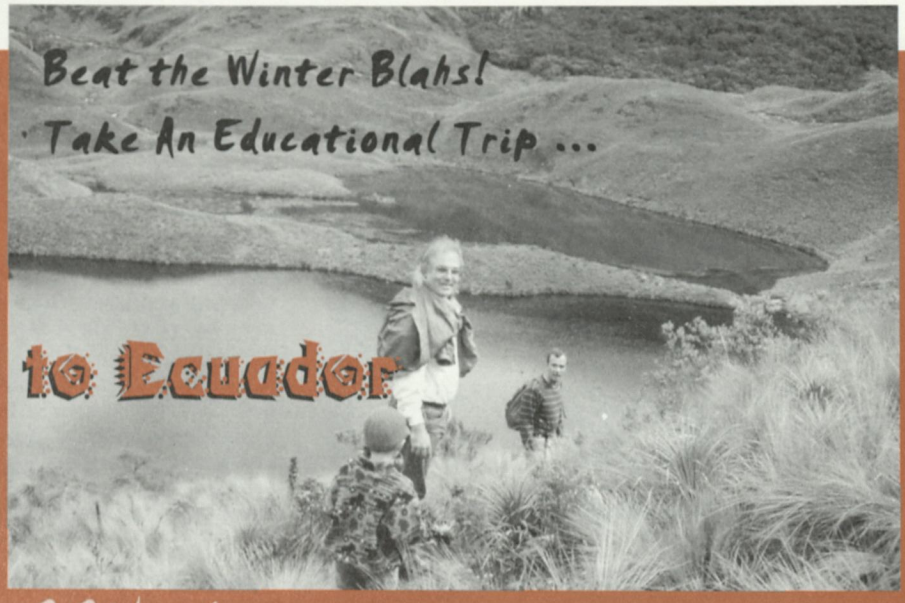


SSU alumni and their families and friends are invited to learn about and experience the culture, environment and people of Latin America during a two-week visit to sunny Ecuador in February 1999. This trip has been arranged especially for alumni.

Ecuador is a land of spectacular geographical and cultural contrasts, with tropical coasts and beautiful beaches, the snow-capped Andean volcanoes and the lush Amazon rain forest. Dr. Gerald R. St. Martin of the Modern Languages Department will lead the tour, which includes visits to the cities of Quito, Cuenca and Banos de Ambato. Cost includes roundtrip airfare from Miami, all transportation in Ecuador, housing, all breakfasts and lunches, some dinners, entrance fees, travel assistance, taxes and tips. Basic instruction in Spanish is also offered. First payment is not due until November.

For more information on this travel opportunity, call the Alumni Office at 410-543-6042 or toll free at 1-888-SBY-ALUM (729-2586).

Michael William Mowery is the general manager of Regal Cinemas in Turnersville, NJ.

Kathy Nicole Nanney graduated from Towson (MD) University with a Master of Science in occupational therapy. She is working at University Hospital in downtown Baltimore as an occupational therapist.

Jennifer Dawn Oltman received her M.S. in geoscience from Mississippi State University and is working as a coastal geologist for the State of Mississippi at the Department of Environmental Quality/Office of Geology.

Deanna Lee Payne is teaching seventh grade special education in Carroll County, Maryland, and loving it.

'96

Shawna Esther Block is teaching eighth grade social studies and coaching girls soccer in Charlotte, NC.

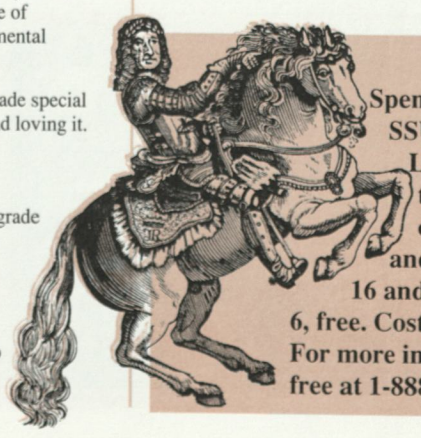
Jeffrey Michael Pontius is a second year M.B.A. student at Penn State University. Upon graduation he has plans to take a job as a senior financial analyst with Intel Corporation in Phoenix, AZ.

'97

Jennifer Orr Blunt is moving to Germany to join her husband who is stationed there with the U.S. Army.

Ryan Mark Green is a graduate assistant for athletic training at Louisiana State University.

Shaida Hafez recently joined the Coastal Hospice (Salisbury) staff as a bereavement counselor.



Renaissance Road Trip

Spend a day at the Maryland Renaissance Festival with the SSU Alumni Association on Saturday, September 26. Located on a beautiful 23-acre site in Crownsville, MD, this second largest Renaissance Festival in the U.S. consists of entertainment, crafts, food, jousting, games and frivolity fit for a king! Special SSU rate for anyone age 16 and over is $11 (reduced from $13.95); ages 7-15, $4; under 6, free. Cost for bus from SSU is $10 per person, regardless of age. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 410-543-6042 or toll free at 1-888-SBY-ALUM (749-2586).

Shawn Punga is a graphic artist (not to mention Macintosh consultant) in SSU's Publications Office.

Anna Elizabeth Simmons plans to marry 2nd Lt. **David Paul Payne,** U.S. Army, in November. They will be stationed in Germany.

Marriages

'77

Julie Ann Applegarth - George L. Pruitt

'86

Jamie L. Simms - Larry Travis Gilmore ('92)

'87

Bruce Melvin Bozman - Marjorie Heather Pinto

'88

Pamela Evette Ashanti - Raymond Griggs

'89

John Edseworth Beall Jr. - Debra Wisniewski

Ruth Josephine Fish - Ron Tencati

Aspasia F. Raptakes - Joseph A. Lappin

'90

Julia Nelson Harper - Dale E. Harper

'91

Tracy Leigh Adams - John Stanton Palmer ('90)

Karen Elizabeth Fahres - David Walsh

Jennifer Ellen Lowe - John Eric Hershberger ('92)

Robert Elliott Simms - Donna Mouritzen

'92

Meredith Gail Clark - William LeFort

Tracy Kim Ebelein - J. Andy Bradshaw

Karla Ann Mitchell - Thomas David Michael Morgan ('90)

'93

Stacy Leigh Ball - Jeffrey Thomas Cottingham ('88)

Sandra Lynn Harrison - Marvin Ellis El

Michelle Dawn Paolone - Scott Louis Eline

'94

Audrey Jean Brewster - Thomas Paul Schulbe

Mary Elizabeth Robrect - Bruce Wayne Robertson

Julie Ann Skebeck - SPC David J. Allen

Patricia Louise Smith - Samuel Berley

'95

Meg Patricia English - David Jerome Williams

Patti Ann Mazur - Joseph Hopkins IV

Theresa Ann Tovornik - Christopher Mark Gabbard ('96)

'96

Heath Lewis Bunting - Angela L. Hawkins

Lauren Elizabeth Davis - Edward Donald Rose ('95)

Jessica Lee Short - Matthew John Hubbard ('97)

'97

Elizabeth Ann Gisriel - Kent Patrick Dennis ('94)

Kathy Marie Schells - Charles David Keim

Karen Jill Sears - Christopher James Wolske ('95)

Births

'79

George Cornelius and Carol Mayonado Chester ('80) - Adopted daughter: Taylor N.

'82

Kevin Grant and Janae Flint Les Callette ('85) - Adopted son: Kyle Grant

'83

Joanne Linchuck Wertz - Daughter: Jamie Lynn

'84

Philip Richard and Leslie Lockett Anderson ('85) - Son: Macklin Robert

'85

Lori Ann Bunts - Son: Kyle

Mark Alden and Betsy Messersmith Murray ('86) - Daughter: Amelia Rose

'87

Lisa Bedell Colbert - Daughter: Cassidy

David S. and Kristi Milton Irwin - Son: Jack Rhoades

Alumni are again invited to join English Professor James Welsh and photographer Jeanne Anderton for a winter trip to London. Please call Welsh for details: 410-543-6446.

Christopher Reginald and Kristi Dupont Murphy ('89) - Son: Chase D.

Timothy Michael and Jennifer Talton Rickey ('89) - Son: Seth Alan

'88

Anthony Michael and Bethany Dunn D'Antonio ('90) - Daughter: Julia Marie

Cathy Dolby Attig - Daughter: Jessica

Ellen Emerson Hanner - Twin daughters: Emily Marie and Elizabeth Ann

Patricia Serviss Murrell - Son: Matthew Dean

Arthur F. and Tracy Manley Tastet ('91) - Daughter: Hannah Elizabeth

'89

Natalie Ennis Engh - Son: Emily Raye

Robyn Lynn Love - Son: Jack

'90

John Stanton and Tracy Adams Palmer ('91) - Twin sons: Jack Stanton and Jacob Robert

Christine Schroder Seidel - Son: Samuel Richard

'91

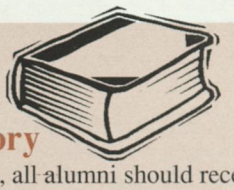
Bruce Allan and Lori Winter Beardsley ('92) - Son: Duncan Arthur

Amy Smith Farmer - Daughter: Sara Catherine

Robert Elliott Simms - Daughter: April Melissa

'92

Larry Travis and Jamie Simms Gilmore ('86) - Son: Larry Travis III



Alumni Directory

In the very near future, all alumni should receive a mailing from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Co. regarding SSU's new *Alumni Directory*, which will be available only to alumni.

To ensure that accurate information is included in the directory, alumni are asked to return the completed questionnaire as soon as possible. If you do not receive a questionnaire, please call the SSU Alumni Office at 410-543-6042 or toll free at 1-888-SBY-ALUM (729-2586).

Later this fall, Harris Publishing Co. will call all alumni to confirm its data. At that time, you will have your only opportunity to order your directory. This valuable resource will be distributed in 1999.

Laura Maurer Schuyler - Son: Garrett Dakota

Beth Hipps Tracy - Son: Kevin Michael

'93

Breige Foley Alexander - Son: Lance Gabriel Alexander

John Michael and Jennifer Daehnke Gunson ('90) - Son: Brady Joseph

Scott Louis and Michelle Paolone Eline - Daughter: Mallory Danielle

Marvin Ellis and Sandra Harrison El - Daughter: Erika Lynn Harrison-Ellis El

Robert Rhodes and Christine Trzepacz Schumacher - Son: Ryan Nicolaus

Jennifer Alperin Weiner - Son: Kyle Brooks

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Be sure to check SSU's Web page at www.ssu.edu for the latest information on the University. When you click on "alumni," you'll find services of the Alumni Relations Office, a calendar of events (including 1998 Homecoming/Reunion activities) and alumni benefits. There's also a listing of our "lost" alumni—those for whom we need current addresses.

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Patricia Smith Berley - Son: Joshua

Daniel Franklin and Rebecca Clark Gregory ('91) - Son: Daniel Franklin Jr.

Charles Franklin Martin - Son: Kevin Joseph

'96

Edward Donald and Lauren Davis Rose ('95) - Daughter: Julea Lynne

'97

Sara Quicker Weise - Daughter: Audrey Sara

Obituaries

'27

Bryan L. Shockley - October 28, 1997

'28

Clara Hastings West - May 25, 1997

'31

Catherine Spry Cannon - January 5, 1998

'32

Harriet Grey Parker - January 22, 1998

'34

Myron Daniel Mezick - March 8, 1998

'42

Dorothy C. Chatham* - March 11, 1998

Ed Crockett - August 4, 1994

Howard Wells - February 15, 1998

'44

Norma Adkins Nottingham - January 7, 1998

'52

Daniel J. Elliott - April 1, 1998

'66

Howard Thomas Smith - March 28, 1998

'72

Gregory Dean Carey - January 4, 1998

Renee Elliott - May 6, 1998

'74

Barbara Daniello Bradley - April 12, 1998

'75

Lois V. Swing - February 20, 1996

Harry Bernard Winters III - February 16, 1998

'76

Candace Louise Anderson - January 13, 1997

'77

William John Hurley - March 26, 1998

Pernetha Smith Ross - February 21, 1996

'82

Robin Greene Turner - April 7, 1998

'83

Thomas Leonard Clarke - March 3, 1998

Carlton N. Ruf Sr. - February 10, 1998

'85

Mary Kenney Kitterman - October 22, 1996

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Ferman Franklin Jr. - August 5, 1997

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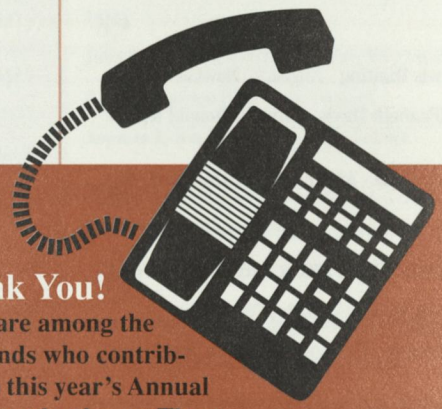

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